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Commissioner McWalters Names Clark Greene Chief of Staff/Policy Director

Education Commissioner Peter McWalters has named Clark Greene, the Governor's Deputy Chief of Staff, as his new Chief of Staff and Policy Director.

Greene will be responsible for coordinating, on behalf of the Commissioner, all activities at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and he will work to ensure the development and implementation of the education-policy agenda for the Commissioner and the Board of Regents.

"Clark Greene is an invaluable career public servant who has helped my office in innumerable ways," the said Governor Donald L. Carcieri. "I want to thank Clark for all his efforts as my Policy Director and Deputy Chief of Staff. He has done a terrific job, and will be equally successful in his new position.

"As I noted at my inauguration, reforming Rhode Island's education system is my top priority for my second term as Governor," Carcieri continued. "In that light, I'm very pleased that Clark will be at the Education Department to assist Commissioner McWalters and myself in achieving that goal. Clark understands the critical role education reform will play in providing opportunities to our youngsters — especially in urban areas — and in ensuring Rhode Island's future economic prosperity."

"Clark brings to the Education Department a broad range of experience in state government, in policy work, and in leadership," said Commissioner McWalters. "His presence here will help us with our ongoing efforts to bring all students in Rhode Island to proficiency."

Greene, of East Greenwich, has worked for the State of Rhode Island for the past 14 years. He has served two stints as Deputy Chief of Staff for Governor Donald L. Carcieri, and he was Deputy Chief of Staff, Director of Policy, and a policy advisor during the eight years of the Almond Administration.

Governor Carcieri appointed Greene to be the Project Director for Fiscal Fitness, his statewide government-efficiency program.

Greene has also served as Chief of Staff for the Department of Health and as Chief of Maternal and Child Health for the Department of Human Services.

He replaces Jennifer L. Wood, the former Chief of Staff and Chief Legal Counsel, who is now General Counsel and Chief of Policy for the Office of the Lt. Governor.

Greene is scheduled to start work at the Education Department on Feb. 12th.

